

# ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

At St George's, God calls us by name to love,  
learn and achieve together, safe in the palm of His hands.

*'I have called you by your name; you are mine' Isaiah 43*



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Dear Parents,

Today marks the end of another year at St George's. Every week we have celebrated the achievements of our amazing children, reflecting on the great things that they accomplish, both academically and personally. We have enjoyed sporting success in local events and musical excellence through the performances of the choir and musicians throughout the school. The children have continued to be outstanding representatives when attending trips and events and I am always very proud when I hear compliments about their attitude and behaviour.

I consider it a blessing to be Head Teacher of this wonderful school. Every day there is a new celebration, a new challenge and another opportunity to share the children's learning with them. It is a privilege to serve the school community, and I thank all the people who support me in this task; my fantastic staff, the governors and Father Brett. I also thank you, the parents and families, for your support throughout this year.

**My final thanks goes to the children, the bricks of our school. I look forward to the next academic year with all the triumphs and surprises it will bring. I wish all of you a very happy and restful summer holiday.**

## Thank you

The staff of St George's would like to thank all the parents and children for their end of year gifts. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

## Farewell...

Today, we say goodbye to our remarkable Year 6.

**Henry, Maisie, Christian, Todd, Markus, Isabel, Madeleine, Lily, Haydn, Gabriel, Henry, Holly, Ben, Stanley, Louie, Brian, George, Jessica, Andrew, Grace, Daisy, Hugh, Laurence, Ben, Olivia, Callum, Alex, Oliver, India & Rose**

We wish them every success in their new adventures in September and look forward to hearing about their future achievements. We celebrated Mass together on Monday night which gave children, parents and staff the opportunity to reminisce on their successful years spent at the school. It was a very special evening and I thank everyone who played a part in the organisation of this.

We also say goodbye to the following families of children in Year 6 who have had long connections with our school. It is the end of an era and we thank you all for the support you have given to St. George's over many years.

We say goodbye to:

**the Bagnall family, the Cousins family, the Follett-Monk family, the Hamilton family, the Jones family, the Kapllani family, the MacVeigh family, the McFaweya family, the Prince family and the Tatham family.**

We also say goodbye to Liwia, Tymon, Mum and Dad who are moving to Poland during the summer. We will miss you all very much. It's also goodbye to Mrs Gillett, our Yr4 LSA, who has decided to free herself up for many adventures beyond St George's! Thank you for all your hard work over the last 18 years. We will miss you and wish you every happiness - enjoy your well-deserved rest!

### What a Knight!



This week, years 5 & 6 presented their summer production 'What a Knight'. The children's performance was magnificent as the script relied on a high standard of singing, as well as acting and speaking. Many children were seen in a new light as they showcased their talents to their family and friends. Everyone I spoke to afterwards was full of compliments and praise for the performances. Well done to all the children and to Mr Sims, Mrs Harris, Miss Ruzs and Mrs Williams for a memorable show. Thank you for your generous donations after the play, a total amount of £266.00 was raised for Cancer Research.



### Birthdays

Congratulations to Jessica (St Peter) who celebrated her birthday this week.

And to everyone who celebrates their birthday during the summer holiday.

Lanai, Jack, Freya F., Otilie, Joshua & Isabella (St Francis)

Joshua, Ellie, Tymon, Natalia, Ava-Joy (St Therese)

Hannah & Isabelle (St Elizabeth)

Finley, Florance V. & Fred (St Bernadette)

Morten, Eden & Jacob (St Joseph)

Riley, Oliver & Alice (St Anthony)

Markus, Andrew & Olivia (St Peter)



And to Georgina and Cillian who celebrate their birthday in September, just before we come back. Our first birthdays of the new school year!

## Attendance Awards

I gave out many badges today celebrating 100% attendance during the summer term.

### Bronze Award ~ 100% attendance for this term

St Francis ~ Ben & Matthias

St Therese ~ Conor, Corey, Reuben & Declan

St Elizabeth ~ Tom, Logan & William

St Bernadette ~ Finley

St Joseph ~ Monty

St Anthony ~ Adele, Poppy & Michael

St Peter ~ Todd, Henry F., Callum & Alex

### Silver Award ~ 100% attendance for two terms

St Therese ~ Leah, Florence I., Joseph, Jacob R. & Daniel

St Elizabeth ~ Cillian, Edie, Harry L., Nate, Natasha & Samuel

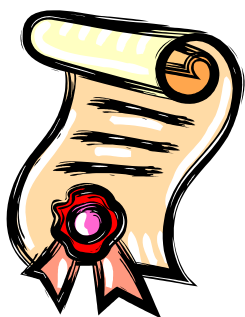
St Bernadette ~ Harley, Daisy, Grace & Loui

St Joseph ~ Morten, Declan & Joseph

St Anthony ~ Oliver Ba.

St Peter ~ Henry B., Maisie, Christian, Brian, Andrew & India

I also had the great pleasure of awarding the GOLD AWARD to children with 100% attendance for the WHOLE YEAR to:



St Francis ~ Freya F.

St Therese ~ Thomas, Georgina & Alex

St Elizabeth ~ Harry C., Charles, Elicia, Isla, Julia, Isis & Hannah

St Bernadette ~ Charlotte, Edward, Kyrea, Fred & Florance V.

St Joseph ~ Emily, Lucy, Amelie, Eden, James & Lily

St Anthony ~ Catherine, Henry, Maddie, Chantelle, Grace & Dan

St Peter ~ Markus, Isabel, Holly, George, Hugh, Olivia & Rose

This is a fantastic achievement ~ well done

## Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Every year thousands of families all over the country are involved in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge. Children's reading can 'dip' during the summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure. The annual Summer Reading Challenge helps get three quarters of a million children into libraries each year to keep up their reading skills and confidence.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2018 is called Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary. Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers!

Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way!

We hope as many of you as possible get involved so that we are crowned Southend Reading champions for the third year running!

### September Uniform

Just a note to remind Year R – 6 parents when we return this September, 2018, summer or winter uniform may be worn until the usual change over to winter after October half term.

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school. If your child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed.

When returning to school in September, we ask that the children's hairstyles are in line with our uniform policy. Short hair should be uniform in length, across the head, with no parts left significantly longer than others and children with shoulder length hair or longer must have it tied back. Children should not wear any fixatives, hair gel/spray etc in their hair. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Child Sexual Exploitation Parents session

On 20th September, there will be two parents sessions on the very real dangers of Child Sexual Exploitation. The session will be delivered by a police officer who is experienced in dealing with matters in this field. We encourage all of you, or as many as possible, to attend. The times are 2pm (before school pick up) or 7pm. These sessions are invaluable in giving you, the parents, knowledge and understanding so we can ensure the safety of our children.

### Relish Lunches

All existing lunch orders have now been deleted. This week's lunches (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) have been repeated for the first 3 days back. Lunches for week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September **MUST** be ordered by **12 noon Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

### School form signing

Father Brett is now taking bookings to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice that you might need if you are applying for a Catholic Senior School place for your child.

He can only provide you with this Certificate if you are known to him, and a practising Catholic. A 'practising' Catholic is someone who attends a weekend Mass here every week. If you believe that you fit this criteria please ring or email the Church Office on 292726 to book your appointment. We have various appointments available in early October, and all sessions will take place in The Presbytery. If you practise at another church then please see the Parish Priest of that church for a Certificate.

If you are not a practising Catholic, the Certificate of Catholic Practice cannot be given. However, you may still apply to a Catholic School, but your application will be considered under another category.

Have a wonderful summer holiday, see you all on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

**SUMMER HOLIDAY FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First Day of Autumn Term 2018
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Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Parents information session 3.30pm
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Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Child Sexual Exploitation session for parents 2pm & 7pm
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**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> – FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term 2018
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**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER – Wednesday 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2019**

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term 2019
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**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2019****EASTER HOLIDAY MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2019**

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	First day of Summer Term 2019
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**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2019**

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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**LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19 IS FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**